GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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TREE PLANTATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tree plantation programme has been undertaken on the war footing to maintain the ecological balance in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent during the last three years;State-wise;

(c) whether there is misappropriation of funds under the schemes;

(d) if so, whether the Government have made any assessment of the work done and the amount spent under the schemes during the last three years;

(e) if so, the achievements made there in , state -wise;

(f) if no, whether the government propose ot constitute any commission to review the progress made in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a)to(e)Tree plantation is carried out in the country by all States and Union Territories (UTs) under various centrally sponsored schemes o f centrally sponsored schemes of central ministries as well as the schemes/programmes of the State Government. Progress of these activities in monitored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests under PointNo. 16 of the Twenty Point Programme. Targets and achievements in in this regard for the last three years are given in Statement -I. State Government/UTs have their own monitoring mechanisms to assess these plantation.In addition, the Ministryof Environment and Forests conducts independent assessment every year i n 5 0 randomly selected districts, The financial assistance provided selected districts. The financial assistance provides to State Under the major centrally sponsored afforestation schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the last three years, State-wise , is given in Statement -II. Utilisationof funds provided to state during the last three years under these schemes has been about 88 per cent. No misappropriation of funds under these schemes has been reported to the Ministry of Environment and Forests by the States.

(f) No, Sir

(g) Does not arise